



# Macomb County 4-H Fair Committee Newsletter

Armada Fair

August 12 - 17, 2008

## DEDICATED 4-H FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

We want to thank all the individuals below for volunteering their time and for providing leadership to the various departments for the 2008 4-H participation in the Armada Fair. These 4-H Fair Superintendents will be working along with the Fair Board's own Superintendents to provide a positive learning experience for all. They should be commended for their hard work and dedication.

Beef - Carl Myer/Ray Kuschel

Dairy—Mark Falker

Sheep—Marie Marcath /Gina Riebel

Goats-Jean & Kathleen Bingham

Swine-Earl Proctor/Rebecca DeHondt

Horses-Mike DeFour /Bob Decker/Pat Fons

Rabbits—Kathy Matthews/ Lyle Ballard

Poultry-Gina Columbo NEED 1

Pocket Pets-Kathy Mathews/Lyle Ballard

Dogs-Barbara Gates/Kirk Dettloff  
Ed & Vet Science—Nancy Duemling/Penny Tibbits

Floriculture/Horticulture/  
Grains&Herbs- Sue Archambault  
Natural Resources-Bette Nebel

Family-Alayne Waterstraat

Folk Patterns-Penny Tibbits

Food Preparation-Jean Bingham/  
Val Cusumano

Personal Appearance-Marilyn Bohm /Pat Fons

Creative Stitchery-Marilyn Bohm/  
Pat Fons

Creative Arts-Judy Makowski /  
Sharon Knust/NEED 2 MORE

Artists-NEED 2

Industrial Arts-Herman Houin

Additional Projects-NEED 1

Shooting Sports/Rocketry-NEED 1

Photography - Karen Hakim  
NEED 1

4-H Exhibit Blg Club Display-  
Jim Kaltz

4-H Exhibit Blg -Grand Best-  
Nancy Davis

Petting Farm-Cheryl Donovan/  
Michael Cobbett

4-H Exhibit Building-Denise  
Lotan/Pat Fons

4-H Court-Jenna Lotan/Christine  
Bingham

Cloversprouts-Jenna Lotan

Teen Clerks: Jessica Makowski

MI State Fair Gold Ribbon -  
Nancy Davis

Livestock Club Displays-MSU-E

**Adults, 4-H teens, or 4-H college students:** If you are interested in any of the positions marked "NEED", please contact Denise Lotan at 586-781-7081 or lotanfarm@aol.com.

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## 4-H FAIR

### EXPECTATIONS

- 4-Hers to participate in clean up before fair, during fair & after fair. Plus assist with set up & tear down of pens, cages & display areas.
- 4-Hers, their families & 4-H Clubs are to monitor in barns during fair, conduct demonstrations, & provide information to the public.
- 4-Hers, 4-H families, friends & 4-H leaders are to display good sportsmanship and abide by the code of conduct

### Fair Committee Chair:

Denise Lotan

586-781-7081

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### Fair Reporters:

- Looking for 4-H reporters to send articles to local newspapers.
- Looking for articles from 2008 4-H Graduating Seniors that will be printed in the next issue. Seniors should be sending their article to lotanfarm@aol.com.

### Next Fair Committee

#### Meeting

Monday, May 5

6:30 PM

Armada Fairgrounds  
Grange Hall- Everyone Wel-  
come - Adults & Youth

Each club should send rep-  
resentation

## 4-H Day Chairperson and Petting Farm Sign up

**4-H Day Chairpersons-** Each club that has projects/displays in the exhibit building needs to identify a responsible adult to serve as Day Chair during the Armada Fair. Day Chairs will then recruit members from their club to help monitor the 4-H Exhibit building during the Day Chair's shift. There is a morning, afternoon and evening shift available on each day. Please contact the 4-H office (586)-469-6431 to sign up for a time that works for your club.

**4-H Petting Farm-**Clubs are also needed to sign up to help collect feed cone donations at the Petting Farm during the Armada Fair. The money raised from the feed cone donations helps provide scholarships to 4-H members and volunteers who attend training and events such as for Exploration Days, Kettunen Center and National Congress. The money also supports the County Awards, Club Officer Training, and 4-H Member pins. To sign up for a time slot, club leaders should contact Mike Cobbett at (810) 395-7333.

## 4-H PROGRAM COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS

If you will be attending any of the county's clinics/workshops or attend a 4-H state or national event such as Exploration Days, Kettunen Center events, or livestock camp, you can enter as 4-H at fair. Any questions regarding a 4-H fair entry, can be directed to the 4-H Superintendents listed above. Remember to make an index card or write in your record book the information on what you did at the clinic, so it will remind you when you are in front of the fair judge. Many of these clinics/workshops will be coming soon. So check out the county website below for more information.

Visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension) for 4-H Fair Committee minutes.

Macomb MSU-Extension, 21885 Dunham, Clinton Twp., MI 48036 586-469-6431

## UPCOMING 4-H FAIR EVENTS

**Armada Fair Grounds Clean up** Saturday, August 2 (9 AM to 4 PM) & Sunday, August 3 (Noon to 4PM). - This counts towards community service requirement for 4-H Scholarships. Give back to the fair, help out, and show your support.

**4-H Fairbooks & Entry forms** will be on Armada Fair Website in Mid May. Hard copies of fair book and forms will be available at the Armada Fair office for 4-H club leaders to pick up near the end of May. **Deadline to turn in 4-H entry forms to the Fair Office is June 27.**

**Tagging, tattooing & banding** done from **Noon to 2PM** at **Armada Fairgrounds** on dates listed. If you do not bring your market animal on the dates & times specified, you will not be able to show them at Armada Fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Market Lamb, Swine & Goat Tagging:** June 1st  
**Rabbit Tattooing & Poultry banding:** July 20th

**Reminder** - All market animals have to follow Livestock Sale rules. And now's the time to send out letters to your buyers! Those participating in the Silent Auction should also be sending out letters to

family, friends, business, etc.

**Projects for Departments K thru X X and all record books** will be judged Sunday, August 10.

**Michigan State Fair Gold Ribbon Program**-Those youth who won these at the 2007 Armada Fair, should be sending the forms they received with the ribbon to the Michigan State Fair office for showing in the 2008 Michigan State Fair. Any questions contact Nancy Davis.

**4-H King, Queen & Court Crowning** Tuesday, August 12 at Fair Opening Ceremony.

## ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

74280 Fair St, Armada, MI 48005-0507, 586-784-5488, Fax 586-784-9723, [www.armadafair.org](http://www.armadafair.org)

Armada Agricultural Society Memberships are only \$10.00 and will be sold until Wednesday noon of the fair with no admission tickets. Membership holders will be able to purchase admission tickets at a reduced rate of (6) for \$26.00 until Monday at 5:00 p.m. prior to the start of the fair.

All animals must meet Michigan movement & health requirements.

Main Music Entertainment Friday of Fair week - "Jake Owen".

Armada Fair Superintendents will be listed on the fair's website. Contact them if you have any questions regarding classes, project, trophies, etc. They are looking for trophy, fairbook and event sponsors. Sponsor forms are on their website. They are always looking for help in areas, so if you have some free time, let them know.

## HELPING 4-H MEMBERS PREPARE FOR JUDGING

Fair is an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit their projects and demonstrate their skills and accomplishments. It is important for leaders and parents to understand how they can best help youths utilize the judging process for self-improvement and positive reinforcement. 4-H members should always be encouraged to do their personal best in each project area they complete. Judges may take into consideration several factors when evaluating projects. The project judge will interview the exhibitor when they present their project to gather information about the exhibitor's knowledge of the project area, the skills the youth has acquired through their project experience, and any advancement that has been made by the exhibitor in the project area over previous years.

Leaders and parents can best help 4-H members prepare for the interview process by guiding them to think reflectively about the project, the process needed to complete it, and the knowledge and skills learned. It is also important to help the youth develop good communication skills so that they can accurately portray their experience. Judges may make their placing and rating decisions by taking into account the project being exhibited, the information obtained from the exhibitor through the interview, the exhibitor's ability to communicate during the interview, and how the exhibitor presents themselves and their project.

The judge may provide the exhibitor with recommendations and suggestions of how they can expand their knowledge and improve their project or skills. The purpose of evaluating projects is to provide the exhibitor with positive feedback about their project and their development. Leaders and parents can help youth understand that judges are not being critical or harsh. Any suggestions offered should be used in a positive manner to advance the child's abilities and interest in the project area. Exhibitors are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. This includes being courteous to the judge as well as other exhibitors and spectators. Leaders and parents should set an example that 4-H members can follow. It is important for leaders and parents to remember at all times that their job is to support the youth and help them develop life skills; the project is only a tool used to develop those skills.

*Written by Ingham County 4-H*

## THIS YEAR'S ARMADA FAIR 4-H

### THEME:

## "Michigan 4-H 100th Birthday Bash Celebration"

Thank you to all that submitted suggestions.

*All Club displays need to follow theme.*

*I pledge my head to clearer thinking,  
my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service,  
for my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.*

*The purpose of 4-H Youth participation in a fair are to:*

- A. Provide positive incentives for youth to complete educational projects and learning experiences.*
- B. Recognize youth accomplishments.*
- C. Offer evaluation.*
- D. Use the fair itself as an added experience for youth to have fun, develop friendships and learn new things*